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JUNE 25, 1973 FROM LIMA IS REPEATED TO YOU:

C O N F I D E N T I A L LIMA 4396

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ARGENTINE SPEECH AT OAS SPECIAL COMMITTEE IN LIMA

REF: STATE 123383

WASHINGTON FOR HURWITCH FROM KUBISCH

1. AFTER FULL CONSIDERATION AND DISCUSSION HERE, INCLUDING WITH FRIENDLY DELEGATIONS, I HAVE DECIDED TO MAKE SOME EXTENSIVE REMAKRS AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS AFTERNOON , SETTING FORTH GENERAL LINES OF OUR DELEGATION' S APPROACH TO THE COMMITTEE' S WORK. ALTHOUGH I REFER TO AND REFUTE SEVERAL OF THE MORE SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS ABOUT OUR POLICY, MADE BY UNDER SECRETARY VAZQUEZ, I DO NOT MENTION ARGENTINA BY NAME NOR DEAL WITH HIS SPEECH DIRECTLY. (TEXT OF MY REMARKS BEING SENT SEPTTEL.)

2. I HAVE ALSO BEEN SEEKING OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS
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ARGENTINE SPEECH WITH AMBASSADOR QUIJANO, WHO WAS LEFT IN CHARGE OF DELEGATION WHEN VAZQUEZ DEPARTED, AND EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY AROSE JUST BEFORE LUNCH TODAY AS MORNING COMMITTEE SESSION WAS BREAKING UP. I INQUIRED OF QUIJANO WHETHER HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOTED THAT USG HAD MADE NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC RESPONSE TO VAZQUEZ' S STATEMENTS AND HE SAID THAT HE HAD AND THAT SUBSEQUENT TO HIS SPEECH, VAZQUEZ HAD MADE A PUBLIC DEPARTURE STATEMENT IN LIMA POINTING OUT THAT GOA' S DISSATISFACTION WAS WITH INTER- AMERICAN SYSTEM AND RELATIONS IN SYSTEM BETWEEN UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES, THAT GOA HAD NO DISSATISFACTION TO REGISTER WITH GOA- USG BILATERAL RELATIONS AND HOPED THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE AFFECTED BY VAZQUEZ' S SPEECH TO THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

3. I TOLD QUIJANO THAT I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE THAT THE GOA THOUGHT IT COULD MAKE THE KIND OF INTEMPERATE AND POLEMICAL REMARKS VAZQUEZ HAD MADE WITHOUT AFFECTING OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS. I SAID THAT IN ANY CASE I AND OUR DELEGATION HERE HAD BEEN DEEPLY DISTURBED BY VAZQUEZ' SPEECH AND THAT I WANTED TO REGISTER IN STRONGEST TERMS MY CONCERN ABOUT THE SPEECH. I TOLD QUIJANO THAT WE HAD NO INTENTION AT THIS TIME OF REPLYING DIRECTLY AND PUBLICLY HERE AT THE COMMITTEE MEETING TO VAZQUEZ' STATEMENTS BUT THAT HE AND GOA SHOULD BE UNDER NO MISAPPREHENSION ABOUT OUR REACTION TO THEM. QUIJANO INDICATED HE WOULD BE REPORTING OUR CONVERSATION TO BUENOS AIRES.

4. SUGGEST THAT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES COORDINATE NEXT STEP TO BE TAKEN IN THOSE TWO CAPITALS . SEEN FROM HERE, I WOULD NOT THINK SPECIAL CALL UPON FONOFF IN BUENOS AIRES OR CALLING IN ARGENTINE CHARGE IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE INDICATED. HOWEVER, I WOULD THINK THAT AT NEXT OFFICIAL MEETING IN BOTH CAPITALS -- AND AT APPROPRIATE PERSONAL MEETINGS IN INTERIM-- SUBJECT SHOULD BE RAISED BY U. S. REPRESENTATIVES ALONG LINES OF MY DISCUSSION HERE WITH QUIJANO.
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